

Hawai'i Ocean Resources Management Plan Coordinated Working Group

Meeting Summary

September 4, 2014: 9:00am – 10:20am
Office of Planning, 6th Floor Conference Room
235 S. Beretania Street, Honolulu, HI 96813

Present:

Bethany Morrison (HI Co. Planning)
Ben Reder (NOAA)
Bob Stanfield (C&C Honolulu, DPP)
Brad Romine (UH SeaGrant/DLNR
OCCL)
Emma Anders (DLNR-DAR)
Ian Duncan (SCD)
Jody Galinato (Kauai Cty Planning)

Justine Nihipali (OP-CZM)
Laura McIntyre (DOH)
Lisa Webster (OP-CZM)
Nathalie Morison (OP-CZM)
Sarah Pautzke (NOAA PI-RPB)
Sandra Rossetter (DOT)

Welcome, Introductions, and Office of Planning (OP) Updates

Justine Nihipali, Planner, Office of Planning, welcomed participants to the Ocean Resources Management Plan (ORMP) Coordinated Working Group (CWG) meeting.

309 Assessment & Strategy

The Hawaii Coastal Zone Management Program (CZM) is currently undergoing an analysis of its 309 funding Strategy and Assessment for FY2016-2020. As part of the assessment of the current CZM program strategy, CZM staff may be reaching out to agencies for assistance in sharing program/division updates to develop our assessment.

National Estuarine Research Reserve System (NERRS) process update

The NERRS site selection process is progressing towards Phase III. The Request for Proposals (RFP) was posted to develop the management plan for the NERRS nominated site in the Heeia area on Oahu. Interested parties should refer to the State Procurement Office website for a full description of the RFP.

Pacific Island CZM Collaboration

Guam's new CZM Program Manager will be on Oahu during the second week of September. Depending upon scheduling, CZM may reach out to ORMP member agencies to meet with the intent to share relevant program information and processes.

NOAA PSC is also exploring options to reinstate regional program meetings to facilitate collaboration among the CZ programs the Pacific Island region.

ORMP Dashboard

OP-CZM requested that state agencies that have not submitted their annual reports for inclusion of the development of an ORMP dashboard reporting system. The intent is to share the progress of this project at the Hawaii Ocean Council (HOC) meeting in November.

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Presentation: "Department of Health, Water Quality Plan Update 2014"

Laura McIntyre, Department of Health, Environmental Planning Office, Program Manager

Ms. McIntyre presented a status update on the Department of Health Water Quality Update, which provides information regarding DOH water quality programs and initiatives,

DOH is responsible for the preparation of the plan which outlines the regulations, standards, and resource management policies that define the quality to be maintained in ground- and surface-water resources.

Public meetings have been completed and feedback is being compiled for the final document. The Draft Water Quality Plan is available to view at: <http://health.hawaii.gov/water/>

Public comments are due to DOH by October 17, 2014. Please email your comments on the Draft Plan to: WQPComments@doh.hawaii.gov.

Presentation: “Pacific Islands Regional Planning Body Update”

Sarah Pautzke, Pacific Islands Regional Planning Body, Executive Secretary

Ms. Pautzke presented a briefing of the Pacific Islands Regional Planning Body (PIRPB), its role in coastal and marine spatial planning (CMSP), and the PIRPB’s relationship with the ORMP.

The PIRPB was established in 2013 in response to Executive Order 13547. The RPB is comprised of 17 members that represent federal, state, and territorial governments as well as the Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council (WESPAC).

The goal of the PIRPB is to create a CMSP as well as a supporting mapping interface. A CMSP seeks to balance the wide range of human uses in our coastal and marine areas and will help to develop coordinated actions and decision making across multiple layers of government. An opportunity for training in the development of a CMSP may be forthcoming in early 2015.

Further information regarding the PIRPB and future engagement can be found at <http://pacificislandsrpb.org/> or contact PacificIslandsRPB@yahoo.com.

Action Team Updates to CWG

- a) Management Priority #1 & 2: Appropriate Coastal Development & Coastal Hazards. The action team has been meeting regularly and has drafted actions for management priority #1. The ACT is working towards the prioritization of these actions as well as developing actions for Management Priority #2.
- b) Management Priority #5: Coral Reef. Implementation continues for this Action Team via the Coral Reef Working Group. The group is in a new funding cycle via the NOAA Coral Conservation Program: Ongoing projects remain focused on the priority management areas of South Kohala and West Maui.
Also, DLNR-DAR is hosting the U.S. Coral Reef Task Force meeting on Maui in September.

ORMP Agency Updates and Announcements

Kauai County Planning Department Representative, Jody Galinato shared that the Shoreline Setback Ordinance has been deferred again.

Hawaii County Planning Department Representative, Bethany Morrison is currently assessing the situation for rebuilding the damaged areas from Hurricane Iselle. The initial assessment showed that the hardest hit area was Kapoho.

DLNR-OCCL Representative, Brad Romine shared that the department is continuing work on Act 83 and coordinating with OP-CZM. DLNR is working on the data portion of the sea level rise vulnerability plan working with the University of Hawaii Coastal Geology Group to map the projected erosion shoreline change with sea level rise.

The department also continues to work towards an update of small-scale beach restoration permits to streamline the permit process for beach restoration for both private homeowners and public agencies. Authorization has been obtained from the Board of Land and Natural Resources to procure a contractor for the first phase of the project which includes an environmental assessment.

A Hawaii Chapter of the American Shore and Beach Preservation Association (HSBPA) has been formed. They will be holding a Beach Restoration Workshop on October 17, 2014 at Kapiolani Community College in Honolulu. For more information, please visit www.hawaiishoreandbeach.org.

Department of Health Representative, Laura McIntyre updated the group regarding the status of marine debris grants. 2013 grant funding was received to address Japanese Tsunami Marine Debris (JTMD) and a report regarding those cleanup efforts will be compiled with the number of events, volunteers, and amount of debris collected.

C & C of Honolulu Department of Planning and Permitting Representative, Bob Stanfield shared a news series regarding the acceptance of climate change and sea level rise impacts in the business world. You can access the series via <http://www.reuters.com/investigates/special-report/waters-edge-the-crisis-of-rising-sea-levels/#article-1-insidious-invasion>.

NOAA PSC Representative, Ben Reder shared that the Pacific Risk Management Ohana (PRiMO) has issued a Call for Proposals for its March 2015 Conference "The Rising Pacific: Currents of Change and Solutions for Resilience." More information can be found at <http://collaborate.csc.noaa.gov/PRiMO/Pages/index.aspx>.

Next Steps & Housekeeping

The next scheduled meeting is **October 9, 2014**. The November CWG meeting is cancelled.

Please **SAVE THE DATE** for the Hawaii Ocean Council meeting on Thursday, November 13, 2014 9:00am – 12:00pm.